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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

TAKASHI YASHIKI

: EXAMINER: MORILLO

SERIAL NO. 10/800,637

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: GROUP ART UNIT: 1742

FOR: PURE TITANIUM BUILDING
MATERIAL AND METHOD OF
MANUFACTURING THE SAME

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SIR:

I, Takashi Yashiki, hereby declare:

1. I am employed by Kabushiki Kaisha Kobe Seiko Sho as an engineering manager for the Research and Development section of the Titanium Technology Department in the Titanium Division. I received my master degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1990 from the Fukui University, Japan, and received my doctorate degree in Metallurgy in 2003 from the Tohoku University, Japan.

2. I have read the original Japanese patent publication number JP 09-003573 and the computer generated translation obtained by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in the above-identified U.S. application

3. In the computer-generated translation of Japanese patent publication number JP 09-003573, paragraph [0019] states, in part, "the remainder becomes [oxygen(O)] from Ti and an unescapable impurity by 900 ppm or less Formula (1)."

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